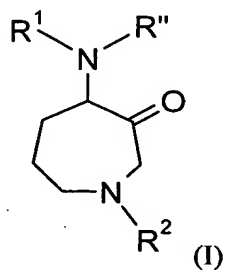


ABSTRACT

This invention relates 4-amino-azepan-3-ones of formula (I)



which are useful as protease inhibitors, particularly of cathepsin S, and as such are useful for preventing a number of diseases amongst which are atherosclerotic lesions and pulmonary diseases such as asthma and allergic reactions.